

Worksession

Agenda Item #	9
Meeting Date	June 4, 2007
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Discussion Item	Discussion of Legislative Action Requests (LARs)
Background	<p>Each year the Maryland Municipal League (MML) solicits legislative proposals from its member municipalities. Usually three are chosen for the League to pursue as its Legislative Priorities for the next legislative session. Requests are to be submitted by June 29 this year for consideration by the MML Legislative Committee in the summer, and, at the fall conference, by the municipalities as a whole.</p> <p>The submission requirements are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) An LAR that has been submitted twice in one four-year General Assembly cycle and rejected by MML is not eligible for submission. [We will be in the second year of the four-year cycle.] 2) The elected body of the submitting municipality must endorse the request. 3) Up to three proposals may be submitted for consideration. <p>Items that the Council may wish to consider for submission are: another try at municipal electrical aggregation (we were very close to having it approved last year); a request to raise the State's 17% cap on County income tax rebates to municipalities; and establishment of an arbitration or appeals process regarding the amount a County pays to a municipality for tax duplication. The last two items grew out of the TASDI recommendations.</p> <p>In coming up with the proposed LARs for 2008, it should be remembered that these are for the items that MML would champion. The preference is for items that would benefit all Maryland municipalities.</p>
Policy	The City Council pursues legislation in the best interest of the City of Takoma Park.
Fiscal Impact	n/a
Attachments	None
Recommendation	Identify items for Legislative Action Request submission.
Special Consideration	